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Love moves mountains in Appalachia through the hands of 20 volunteers

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

By TIFFANEY KRAEMER
CO-EDITOR

As a member of the Clarke Volunteers in Appalachia, CVA XXI, I have been asked to write an article that will help you, the reader, understand the experience that we took back from Appalachia. However, it isn't that easy.

Yes, I could tell you about the Miracle family, and yes, that was their real name. Or I could tell you about the Maggart family with 11 kids.

I could tell you about the beautiful mountains we hiked and the waterfalls where we got our feet wet. I could tell you about the hearts that we touched or about the special bonds that were formed.

The problem is that no one will fully understand what I am saying except the members of our team. The experience was just so powerful, that you must experience it yourself.

more important things in life, and for one week, the 20 of us got to live and experience those more important things: love, faith, and inner peace."

-Sophomore Jenn Mayhew

"I could talk till my face turns blue and still not convey what happened on this trip. We grew together and moved a few mountains along the way!"

-Sophomore Bridget Dolash

"Appalachia meant a revival of my spirituality, which led me to internal joy and closure with God the Father and Son. It was the beginning of new, everlasting friendships, which I'll cherish in my heart forever."

-Junior Jose Guichardo

"Appalachia was not only a very humbling experience, but it was also life changing. It was exactly what I needed before graduation."

-Senior Brianne Burgess

"Everyone should try and go on the Appalachia service

wonderful. After seeing the conditions in Kentucky, I am thankful for everything that I have. I am also extremely thankful for my CVA XXI family."

-Sophomore Leah Valenta

"Going to Appalachia was probably the most eye-opening experience I've had yet. Not only did I learn a lot about the people of Kentucky, but I made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun."

-Junior Emily Sexton



Kentucky was such a rewarding experience. Each of them touched our hearts in a way that we will never forget."

-Sophomore Brenda Vaske

"Serving on the CVA XX and CVA XXI teams has made the greatest impact of anything in my college career. Seeing the opposition of faith and poverty really causes you to open your eyes to the

reality of life. Also, it is such a pleasure to be part of, and watch a team of Clarke students reach out and help with their full selves."

-Senior Ella Phillips

As for myself Appalachia was a once in a lifetime experience and I am so thankful that I was given such an opportunity. It has changed my perspective on life and has taught me to be thankful for the life God has blessed me with.

I hope that my team members and I have given you a sense of what our Appalachia experience was like. If we didn't, we apologize and ask you to experience it for yourself. It will truly have an effect on the rest of your life. What can I say? It's a Kentucky thing!

"The trip was such a good eye opener. I learned about the living style of other people while I spent time getting to know people that have been in front of my eyes this entire time. Everyone I spent time with will be in my heart forever."

-Sophomore Stephanie Brush

"My one wish and hope from my Appalachia experience is to take with me and give to others the love and joy that the people of Kentucky shared with our team."

It is a simple way of living. Paying close attention to never losing sight of the family and friends who are far more important than any paper, deadline or grade."

-Senior Tricia Sheridan

"Working for the people of

Below CVA members pose for a picture after attending Palm Sunday. At right sophomore Mary Kay McClain coloring with one of the 11 Maggart children. Above, sophomore Tiffany Kraemer gives a lift to William Maggart.

Photos by Tiffany Kraemer



With the help of my team members, we will now share our experiences with you with the words from our hearts.

"Words cannot begin to describe Appalachia or the people who live there. You have to go and experience it for yourself to understand."

-Senior Ben Roberts

"People often say that there are

trip because it will have an impact on how they look at life from then on."

-Freshman Alicia Brandel

"Seeing the conditions in Appalachia was a real eye-opener. I did not think that people in the U.S. could be so poor. The trip made me thankful for what I so often take for granted."

-Sophomore Fabian Yaklin

"Every aspect of the week was

Clarke Student Wins Trip to 2002 NCAA Final Four

By ANDY SCHROEDER
Staff Writer

Clarke College co-sports editor Jimmy Coulas has recovered from a severe case of March Madness. Like millions all over the country, Jimmy thought that he would test his luck in predicting the NCAA basketball tournament winners. Upon the announcements of the teams selected to play, he started filling in his brackets.

Having already entered a friendly competition, Jimmy thought he would search the net for a more exciting contest. Coulas took the advice of one of his friends and entered the KGAN News Channel 2 pool, referred to as Iowa's Largest Office Pool. He entered his picks with no real strategy in mind. "I just went with my gut instinct. Most of my picks were random guesses," said Coulas.

In a field of 64 teams, upsets are always possible. Picking an upset can make or break your bracket. Thousands of people entered the KGAN contest, but only one was victorious: Jimmy Coulas.

The grand prizewinner receives two roundtrip tickets to next year's men's final four tournament in Atlanta. Jimmy and a guest will have free hotel accommodations as well as tickets to the semi-finals and final game. The prize is valued at almost \$7,000.

Jimmy was shocked to realize he correctly picked 12 out of the 16 teams in the third round, the elite eight, the final four, and the champion Duke Blue Devils. Congratulations, Jimmy and the lucky person who you will take with you!

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Dream Review

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

In honor of the recent Academy Awards, I decided that I would like to write a movie review for this week's column.

Unfortunately, I don't own a car so I was unable to make it to the theater. Instead, I will give you the next best thing: A critic's review of the dream I had last night.

That seemed real.... too real, I thought to myself as I woke up and crawled out of bed this morning. Something I don't say after too many dreams, but last night's was different.

The surreal night vision I observed was a lively, quirky, lyrical, rambling meditation on life, fate, and extra terrestrial visitation during a family reunion in a sparkling village nestled in a canyon of the painted Utah desert.

The dream featured more laughs, wisdom, and tragedy than most high-minded independent films being produced for our generation.

But it wasn't exactly a day at the beach. Many of the characters paid dearly for their recreational preferences. In this case, hiking up a steep mountain bike trail with no shoes on. The protagonist, a poetic goofball played by myself, achieves redemption when he alerts his friends of the

incoming flying saucers and discovers the only way for escape: sliding feet first down the slickrock sandstone cliffs.

Watching the narratively loose-limbed dream was like sitting in a bar with a well-traveled storyteller who you're not sure you can trust. You're simultaneously unsettled and entertained.

The portrait of the desert cliffs under deep blue skies is merely a complement to the hypnotizing musical score that runs during the dream's climactic sequence.

But as aesthetically pleasing as the dream's sights and sounds were, they paled in comparison to the moral integrity of the story and characters.

As the leading man, I embodied slacker charm and wit while some girl, who I don't remember, magically portrays the friend

If Gladiator made the Roman era look like a wild ride, my dream gets closer to the truth of life.

who provokes me into going on a walk without informing anyone where we are going. The presence of the dream standby, my brother, may seem cliché, but his work is never understated and contributes mightily as the inflexible voice of reason.

If *Gladiator* made the Roman era look like a wild ride, my dream gets closer to the truth of life. Unsparing in its depiction of what makes people want to explore, the dream showed how good life can feel - and how scary it can become.

a little POLITICAL and CRITICAL Mir, Mir above us all, Mir, Mir just had to fall

By HEATHER MEYER
Staff Writer

Mount Rushmore has just crumbled to the ground. The Statue of Liberty was taken back by the French. It was recently discovered that the moon landing was a hoax. The last bald eagle has been shot by a schoolteacher in Vermont.

Sorry to shock you for the moment, and yes everything I have just said is absolutely false. Not a single one of our national treasures have we had to destroy; honestly why would we want to? National treasures and glorious monuments are objects of pride, we could even say souvenirs of the past. They remind us of our past, move us, and give us something

to look at on vacation. The connection that needs to be made in light of recent events is on the

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other side of the Atlantic Ocean. Mother Russia has just lost one of her children.

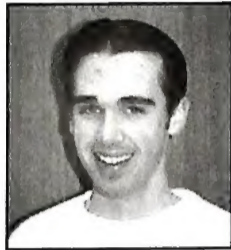
I, Heather Jean Meyer, *Courier* columnist, declare the Cold War to be officially over. The falling of the Mir Space Station is one giant metaphor for the willingness of the so-called "superpowers" of this world to unite.

The space station took up residence in the Milky Way eons ago in 1986. The 15-year reign of the Mir over the starry skies was not without problems. The space station was like a hypochondriac who actually had all of the diseases. Sometimes I thought it was up there being held together by duct tape.

With dents, cracks and broken parts, the Mir had its moments. Cultures were united thousands of miles above the earth as Russian cosmonauts, American astronauts and spacemen from France and Japan learned to almost tolerate each other and work as a team.

The sacrifice of the Mir signified the ending of individual competition and the beginning of a giant global collaboration. The Russians could not afford to spend \$200 million dollars a year (who really could?) to keep the condemned unmanned space station in place. Plunging the Mir into the South Pacific allows Russia to embark on a much larger task: the assembling of The International Space Station.

All nuclear warheads aside, the United States and Russia may no longer be enemies but instead cohorts in a secret clubhouse. National pride has bled into planetary cooperation. Thank Russia for littering the ocean so we can put more junk in space.



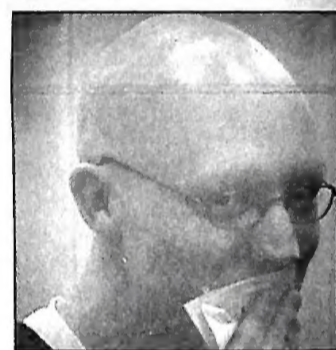
ON THE STREET: What's your favorite food in the SAC?



"I like the Cinnamon Bears. They are sugar and spice and everything nice."
-Sophomore Brenda Vaske



"I like the Cinnamon rolls. Preferably when they're not hard."
-Sophomore Leah Valenta



"I like to have a roast beef sub with lettuce and tomatoes."
-Freshman Austin Pitts



On Other Campuses

By JASON BETKE
Staff Writer

Spring-cleaning done on Price is Right...

Crystal Hudson cleaned house while appearing on the "Price is Right" game show during her spring break. Hudson won the showcase showdown that included a living room set, karaoke machine, and a 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis. The University of Kansas sophomore earned her spot in the showcase showdown after winning a snowmobile by playing "Now or Then," a game where she had to match three out of six items in a row with either their 1985 or 2001 price. Hudson and four friends went to Los Angeles during their spring break for the sole purpose of getting on the CBS show. "I don't know where I'm going to put all of it," Hudson said.

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Notre Dame meets the "Real World"...

Former *New Orleans Real World* cast member Matt Smith spoke at the University of Notre Dame as part of the "No Greater Love" project sponsored by ND's campus ministry. Smith used his post MTV fame as an opportunity to speak to a packed auditorium

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about his faith and Catholic values. He also let the audience in on some of MTV's editing secrets, including mixing scenes and chopping dialogue. His self-titled role as the "spokes-pimp" for Life Teen, a non-profit U.S. Catholic youth organization, has allowed him to be part of lecture circuits around the country.
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No more walla walla at Walla Walla...

After 32 students were put on probation for attending an off-campus dance, students at Walla Walla College have been forbidden to dance. With its affiliation to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the college's code of conduct prohibits "attending places of entertainment such as bars and dances." School officials used license plate numbers to catch and punish 32 of the possible 200 students who attended the off-campus dance. School officials and students are now disputing the disciplinary actions being dealt out. While the school holds an annual barn dance, school officials are now considering removing the word "dances" from the forms of entertainment that are unacceptable at the college.

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Rockford 5, Clarke 4

Crusader Trivia

Men's Baseball

1. Who has the most home runs in a season at Clarke?
2. What pitcher has the most wins in a season at Clarke?
3. Who has the highest fielding percentage in a career?
4. Who has played the most games in a career at Clarke?
5. Who has the number two uniform retired at Clarke?

1. Terry Norton (9)
2. Justin Wenzelmann (7)
3. Rich Hotchkiss (.975)
4. Scott Savary (137)
5. Nick Voerger

By Javier Pacheco
Sports Writer

The Clarke College men's volleyball team earned the right to go to the 2001 Molten Division III Invitational Championship when it won the Clarke Challenge. The team celebrated in the Kehl Center on March 25. Clarke is ranked fourth in the current American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III Top 15 Poll after winning the Clarke Challenge. Then they appeared in the tournament on Friday, April 13 against D'Youville College of Buffalo, NY.

Although the Crusaders entered the tournament as the number one seed, they did not win the match. D'Youville College won the match by scores of 30-25, 26-30, 30-24, and 30-24.

"One of the things we talked to the players about was that, because the teams here were all so even, it was going to be decided between the lines: who executes and who doesn't," said Clarke Coach Al Ronek.

Bill McNally, who had the best game of his life, had difficulties with the way that D'Youville (which was ranked 9th on the nation) handled its offensive.

"They ran a 6-2 offense, and that's something we haven't seen all year, even when we played teams from Division I," said McNally.

For the Crusaders, this was their first loss against Division III teams.

The next day the Crusaders had



photo by Ai Sato

Kevin Perhach, Pete Lapin, Louis Aguilar and Rafael Ramos stand ready for the serve.

Volleyball storms East

a chance to redeem themselves against Vassar College of Poughkeepsie, New York. They made sure their loss against D'Youville was the last one against teams from Division III. With scores of 30-16, 24-30, 30-

16, 30-25, the Crusaders won their match in the consolation game of the tournament Saturday afternoon.

"Basically, we just executed much better," said Ronek, referring to Friday's 3-1 loss to D'Youville. "It felt good. Certainly we wanted to win it, but it still feels pretty good."

Junior Joe Gustafson said the Crusaders were ready for the game after the loss on Friday.

"The intensity level of Saturday was a lot higher than it was on Friday. We had all our pistons pumping," said Gustafson. "We wanted to come out and prove that were a lot better than yesterday."

Gustafson said one of the reasons that the team had a good year was because they play against teams from Division I regularly.

"Playing against Division I teams all year long prepares you for the tournament. It makes it a lot easier when

you play against teams from Division III," Gustafson said.

Coach Ronek said that the experience gained by the underclassmen at the Molten Championship prepares them for the next season.

"Because the teams here were all so even it was going to be decided between the lines."

"This will be a good way to get started next year. It was a big plus to have this experience and something positive to have for next year."

The Crusaders, who finished the season 12-1, set a school record for single-season victories against Division III teams and the third place in the tournament equals the best in school history, matching the 1999 squad's feat.



photo by Ai Sato

Chris Pabon receives the serve

Taking a swing at who's best in baseball this season

Jimmy Coulas

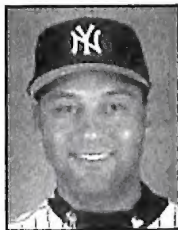
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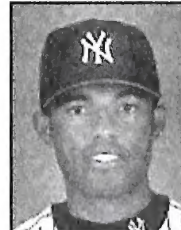
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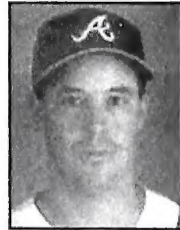
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Cubs over Giants

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Yankees over A's

NL Championship:
Braves over Cubs

World Series:
Braves over Yankees



Arts & Entertainment



Broadway comes to Clarke!

By MEGAN E. GLOSS
Arts & Entertainment Editor

March 22 - 24 Clarke Drive had a new name: Broadway. It was that time of year again. The Clarke Music Department hosted *Musical Menus on Broadway*, the five-course meal sprinkled with special performances by Clarke music students, the Clarke vocal ensembles, and instrumental ensembles.

This year the menu included a choice between prime rib and fish for the main entrée and 22 performances by performing servers with a variety of vocal and instrumental



Freshman Phil Petrie performs at *Musical Menus*. Photo by Ai Sato

solos, duets, quartets, and large group entertainment.

Each student participating in *Musical Menus* carefully chose and prepared a piece of his or her choice to audition with, and the final result was then carefully selected based on audition quality by John Lease, assistant director of music at Clarke, for the

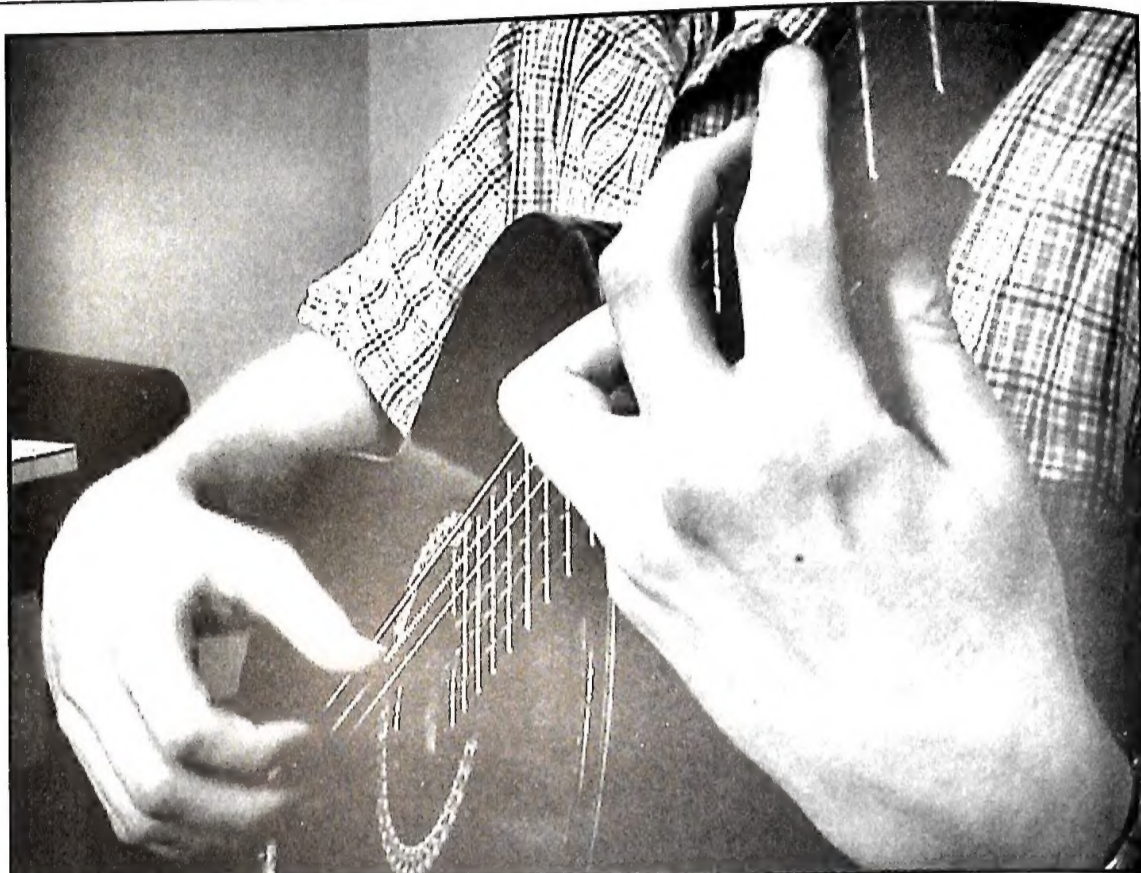
evenings' entertainment.

"We aim for variety every year," said John. "It's important to have a little something for everyone in both the Clarke Community and the Dubuque Community. We are lucky to have outstanding results from both communities every year."

And this year, the results were stronger than ever! Over 150 tickets were sold the first morning tickets went on sale. *Musical Menus* enjoyed three nights of sold out performances, debuting new talents among the music department and recalling their veterans.

For those of you who missed the extravaganza this year, *Musical Menus on Broadway* is a fast

selling, music department sponsored event held once a year in the Atrium. A variety of students from the department's musical ensembles provide both service and entertainment over a five-course meal for the audience. Get those reservations in for next year! It's never too early.



Pictured above is the Clarke student selected out of many hopefuls around the nation to perform in Italy this summer at the annual Rome Festival. More next issue! Photo by Ai Sato

REVIEW

Rebecca's Flick Pick

By REBECCA MEANA
Staff Writer

With the weekend being so rainy and wet, my daughter and I decided to see *Spy Kids* starring Daryl Sabara, Alexa Vega, Antonio Banderas, and Carla Gugino. It turned out to be a great movie for the entire family.

The movie starts out with Ingrid Cortez (Gugino) telling her daughter Carmen (Vega) a fairy tale about two spies meeting and falling in love, which is mom and dad's story in real life. Ingrid and Georgio Cortez (Banderas) decide to take an assignment after years of retirement, screw up, and it's up to the kids to save them.

The bad guy is Fegan Floop

(Alan Cumming), an undercover agent acting as a child's TV host with these very weird looking characters called floopies.

The floopies are really captured undercover spies transformed into these creatures. The evil mastermind behind all of this is taken over by Minion (Tony

Cortez (Banderas).

The plot is simple and straightforward. The action scenes are great because the bad guys are stunned with special guns that shock you, so no blood for the kids to see. The special effects are incredible, and the spy devices are very cool. The jokes are funny enough for even adults to chuckle at, and yet simple enough for the kids to understand.

Don't wait for a rainy day to go see this movie. Even though you are a college student, remember the days of being a kid and go see this movie. In fact there is

even a rumor that a sequel is already being planned due to the success of this film. A definite ****.

Shalhoub), his understudy who is the real evil genius.

Minion is building a children's army to take over the world, but needs one piece that only one spy has; you guessed it, Georgio



UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Recital
Matt Zelle and Judy Recker
Sunday, April 22, 2:00 p.m., JMH

Story Theatre
Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., TDH
Saturday, April 28, 2:00 p.m., TDH

Junior Recital
Dan Cosley
Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. JMH

The never ending story. . . Theatre



Leane Vandrovec and Ellen Goodmann rehearse for their upcoming Story Theatre performances to take place at Clarke. Photo by Heather Meyer

By HEATHER MEYER
Staff Writer

If you could do anything at 8:30 in the morning, what would it be? Perform for a gym full of enthusiastic elementary students! That's the answer for the cast of Story Theatre, the Drama Department's traveling children's production. The show written by Paul Sills features six energetic tales interwoven with music by recent Academy Award winner Bob Dylan.

The cast is composed of Ellen Goodmann, Jed Thompson,

Leane Vandrovec, Heather Meyer, and Laura Marble. Mike Delp lends his musical prowess to the ensemble. Tour Manager, Understudy, Lighting Designer, Assistant Director, Stage Manager, Friend to all and O+ Blood Donor David Bunting rounds out the team. Drama professor David Kortemeier directed the show, and senior Megan Schumacher designed the set.

Twice a week since March 13th, the Story Theatre team has been venturing out into the Tri-State Area to entertain America's youth. Adaptation, improvisation and imagination all combined to capture the attention of

the playful audience. In regard to the audience reaction, Dave Bunting said, "Kids aren't 'too cool' to have fun."

At 7:30 p.m., April 27 and 2:00 p.m., April 28, Story Theatre comes to Clarke. Eagerly anticipating the show, Leane Vandrovec explains, "Our heart and energy makes up for our lack in singing abilities."

The daily grind of Story Theatre is as exhilarating as the show itself. Ellen Goodmann said, "It's entirely different than anything I've ever done before. It is more than a one weekend show; it is like the eternal show — in a good way. I've never met so many kids in my life."

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Tumbler
Clarke fresh

by ADAM NETTLETON
Co-Sports Editor

Have you ever heard of power tumbling? Clarke freshman Sarah Schrodt would be the first you all about it. She has been involved in the sport of power tumbling for ten years. Power tumbling has many similarities to gymnastics except there is no apparatus used, done only on the floor. A level of tumbling Sarah is required to do as many as 10 flips and twists in one performance. She will be taking skills all the way to San Antonio this summer to compete in the national competition.

There is still a good possibility that the could slip and could be paralyzed the rest of her life.

She is no stranger to being nationals. Five years ago won the national competition. Now she is only two steps away from Olympic competition, but the problem is there is no tumbling in the Olympic hopes someday it will be an Olympic event. After the national competition people are expected to compete on the international level, and then to the Olympics.

Softball captures Platteville Tourny

by TODD HITTENMILLER
Sports Writer

The Lady Crusaders in the middle of the season right now looking for that coveted title. The team is very well right now after a start, going 8-1 in its last games.

The squad had a busy weekend on April 6 and 7, playing games. The Ladies first the tournament against College. This was a tough win, but the Crusaders won, 3-1. Jen Han

the winning pitcher improved her record to 1-0. In the second match team faced rival Luther and won 10-4. The Crusaders were hitting the ball in that game putting

"We weren't hitting particularly well at the beginning of the year, but that's starting to change."

Tumbling towards Texas

Clarke freshman to compete at nationals

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Have you ever heard of power tumbling? Well, Clarke freshman Sarah Schrodt would be the first to tell you all about it. She has been involved in the sport of power tumbling for ten years.

Power tumbling has many similarities to gymnastics except there is no apparatus used; it is done only on the floor. At her level of tumbling Sarah is required to do as many no-handed flips and twists in one pass as she can. She will be taking her skills all the way to San Antonio, Texas this summer to compete in the national competition.

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She is no stranger to being in nationals. Five years ago she won the national competition. Now she is only two steps below Olympic competition, but the problem is there is no power tumbling in the Olympics. She hopes someday it will be an Olympic event. After the national competition people are scouted to compete on the international level, and then to the Olympics

if it is admitted as a sport.

When she first started tumbling it was with her neighbor and one of her younger sisters. They would set up tumbling and dance routines in their front yard and invite people from the neighborhood to come and watch their mini shows. Sarah then moved on to real tumbling and joined the tumbling club her neighbor attended. Mason City coach Joanne Hardinger has been working with Sarah for nine years, and has been there to help her improve her career.

"I came in as a little squirt who was energetic, and she taught me the body positions and control of my muscles," said Sarah. "She was really patient with me. At first we did a lot of conditioning and flexibility."

But besides having her coach there Sarah learned a lot on her own. The rest of her family is no stranger to tumbling. She has two sisters and a brother in tumbling right now who will join her in the nationals this summer.

"My brother Alex is at the same level that I am and we really push each other to be better," said Sarah. "My mom has been very supportive in my injuries and successes."

Tumbling has not been all fun and games for Sarah. The year after winning the national competition in 1996, she had a disc in

her back slip from all of the years in tumbling. She was forced to quit and told that she couldn't ever tumble again. Sarah checked out her options such as surgery, braces and physical therapy. But she continued tumbling after her injury.

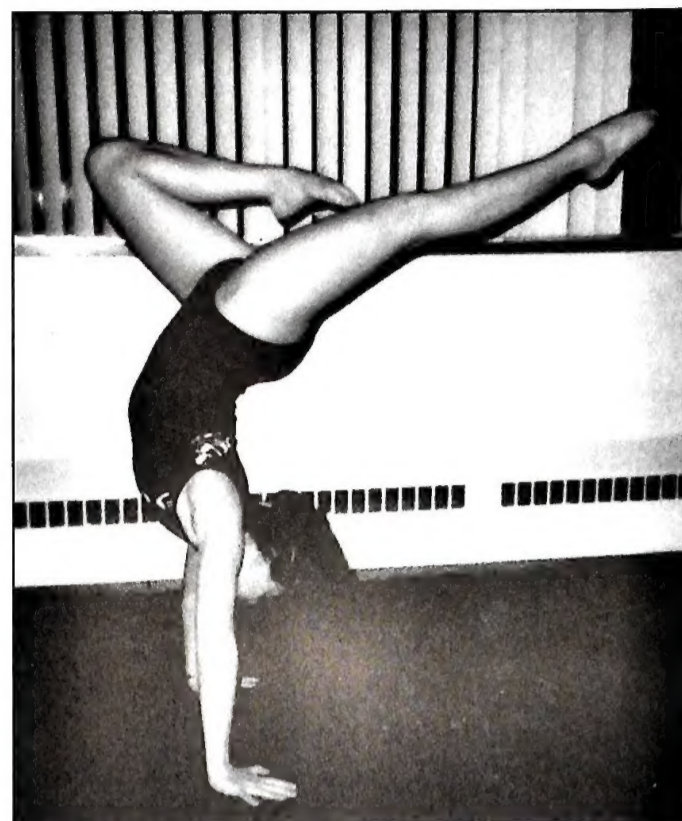
"The year after the injury I went headstrong into competition and I won the state competition and then went to nationals," said Sarah.

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But even though she has come back from the injury, there is still a good possibility that the disc could slip and she could be paralyzed for the rest of her life. It can be a scary situation and sometimes Sarah has to sit herself down in the middle of a practice. She has also worked very hard to build up muscles in her back and stomach to keep the disc in place. After last year her father encouraged her to quit tumbling for good. Sarah couldn't live with this idea.

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Injury is not the only obstacle Sarah has had to overcome in her



Freshman Sarah Schrodt showing us her strength and flexibility

tumbling career. The year she won nationals she was the youngest girl on the team and felt like the older girls excluded her because they were in high school and she was only in middle school.

"I was that little girl who always came to practice," said Sarah. "They didn't like how energetic I was and some of us didn't get along very well."

It got so bad for Sarah that there were times during that year when she wanted to just give up. Even though dislike between her and some members of her team

pushed Sarah to be better it was still frustrating to deal with them. But her mother stood behind her and encouraged her to stick with it.

"I wanted to show them all at nationals that even though I was the youngest, I could go out there and win it," said Sarah.

Along with her own tumbling she coached a team last year that went to nationals and won. She is also a member of the dance team at Clarke. She definitely hasn't slowed down and is in the best shape of her life heading to the Lone Star state this summer to compete.

March madness lives up to its name as Duke wins title

by JIMMY COULAS
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The NCAA men's basketball tournament is what all college basketball teams shoot for, and the national championship is the dream of all players and coaches. Sixty-four teams are selected and only one team can come away the national champion.

There are pre-season polls that show rankings and college basketball insiders make predictions on who is going to win each conference and who will win it all. There were the usual upsets, but for the most part the higher seeded teams won most of the games.

The biggest upset of the tournament, and possibly the biggest disappointment, was the two seeded Iowa State Cyclones. The Cyclones lost to number 15 seeded Hampton University in the first round. Marcus Fizer should have stayed for his senior year at Iowa State because he could have helped the Cyclones win. He would have won more games this year in college than with the Chicago Bulls.

As the tournament rolled on, the powerhouse teams emerged and

the lower seeded teams started to drop like flies. All of the number-one seeds made it to the sweet 16 and on to the elite eight, which is very unusual because there are usually one or two number one seeds that are upset.

This year Minneapolis hosted the final rounds of the tournament, and only two of the number one seeds made it to the final round: Duke, and defending champion Michigan State. Perhaps the best story of the whole tournament was the Arizona Wildcats. As a number two seed many people picked the Wildcats to win the national championship. During the season coach Lute Olson's wife passed away after a long battle with cancer. Coach Olson took a leave of absence during the season, but came back towards the end of the season to lead his Wildcats all the way to the championship game.

Championship Monday arrived and Duke and Arizona were set to do battle for the national championship. Both teams showed that they deserved to be in the championship game. Both Duke and Arizona played at the top of their respective games. The game also showed that both

coaches prepared long and hard for this game. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and Arizona coach Lute Olson showed why they are two of the best coaches in college basketball.

The game was full of excitement and was close all the way until the end when the Duke Blue Devils pulled away with a ten-point victory over the Wildcats.

What makes the NCAA tournament so special is that the players are in it to win a national championship. They sacrifice their whole year with one goal in mind, and that is winning a national title. There is a class of players that are good enough to make it to the next level and play in the NBA. For those who don't move on to the next level winning a national championship or just playing in the NCAA tournament is something they can cherish for the rest of their lives. Perhaps the most gratifying part of winning the national championship is cutting the net from the rim. In what has become a tradition, each player on the winning team climbs the ladder and cuts a piece of the net and stands tall above the rest of college basketball.

Softball captures Platteville Tourny

by TODD HITTENMILLER
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Jackie Kerkman

The Lady Crusaders are in the middle of the softball season right now and are looking for that coveted conference title. The team is playing very well right now after a slow start, going 8-1 in its last nine games.

The squad had a busy weekend April 6 and 7, playing in three games. The Ladies first led off the tournament against Marion College. This was a tough battle, but the Crusaders were victorious, 3-1. Jen Hansen was the winning pitcher and improved her record to 4-4.

In the second match up, the team faced rival Luther College and won 10-4. The Crusaders really were hitting the ball well in that game putting up ten runs.

"We weren't hitting the ball particularly well at the beginning of the year, but now the bats are starting to come around

and we are scoring some runs," said junior Jackie Kerkman. "The pitching has been strong and we have a great shot at winning conference."

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The final game of the tournament was against University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Sarah Murray threw a great game as the Crusaders defeated Oshkosh 12-3. With the win the team pulls within one game under .500, and look strong going into conference play.

"We had a slow start this season, and the weather did not help because we couldn't play outside," said Shelly Pins. "We are now playing up to our abilities and really coming on strong."

S Flick Pick

...an undercover as a child's TV host very weird looking called floopies. ...really captured spies transformed creatures. The evil behind all of this is by Martin Tony



...his understudy who is a genius. ...is building a children's make over the world, but piece that only one spy guessed it. Georgio

Theatre

Heather Vandrovec. ...Laura Marble. Mike ...his musical prowess ...Tour Manager. ...Lighting Designer. ...Stage Director. ...Friend to all and O+ ...David Bunting ...Kortemeier direc- ...designed the set. ...team has been ...the Tri-State ...America's ...many kids in my life.

Clarke Calendar

Saturday, April 21

Hunger Clean-Up

Art Exhibit: Sara Conrad, BFA Graphics,
Quigley Gallery 1550 & Schrup Library ground floor.
Pinning Ceremony, Department of Nursing
& Health, Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Discovery of Brazil, MSS

Senior Art Exhibit: Corrine Grace,
BA Photography, Connie Tompkins, BA Art Ed.,
Laurie Leer, BA Art History, Ella Phillips,
BA Art History, Quigley Gallery 1550 &
Schrup Library ground floor.
Tri-College Gospel Choir Spring Concert,
Chapel, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

Apr. 25-Apr. 26, Advanced registration for Fall 2001
Apr. 25-May 15, Photo Exhibit: Jann Freed,
Mayan Women, Library

Friday, April 27

May Daze

Play "Story Theatre," TDH, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Hypnotist Jim Wand, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month begins

Friday, May 4

Last Day of Classes

Honors Banquet

11:59 p.m.: 24-hour quiet hours begin
in the residence halls.

Help Support Men's and Women's Soccer

The men's and woman's soccer teams are selling a variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts. T-shirts are gray and cost \$10. The long sleeve shirt is navy blue and is \$15. The sweatshirts are \$20 and are available in white and navy. Contact any member of the men's or women's soccer team for details.

CLARKE LEADERS AWARDED 'WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT' AWARDS

Clarke College Associate Professor of English Katherine Fischer was recently awarded a special YWCA Achievement Award for her outstanding professional accomplishments. The award was presented at a special "Women of Achievement" award dinner on Tuesday, March 27. Clarke Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gail Naughton and Vice President for Continuing Education and Graduate Studies Nancy Van Milligen both received honorable mention awards at the ceremony.

YWCA Achievement Awards honor the outstanding achievement and leadership of women in the civic, economic and cultural life of the Dubuque community. Awards are presented in seven categories including: creative and performing arts, business and industry, professions, community service, public affairs, human rights and sports. Eight Clarke faculty and staff members were also awarded certificates of leadership for noteworthy achievement within the Clarke community. Those receiving certificates of leadership included: Clarke President Catherine Dunn, BVM, Ph.D.; Executive Vice President Therese Mackin, BVM; Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gail Naughton; Vice President for Academic Affairs Margaret Feldner, OSF, Ph.D.; Vice President for Student Life Kate Zanger; Director of Human Resources Christina Ernst; Director of Conference and Event Services Karen Adams; and Director of Alumni Relations Karen Daly.

A Randy Gehl Minute

By HEATHER MEYER
Staff Writer

Who is Randy Gehl?

I think I am someone different to different people.

What exactly is your job?

Executive Director of Marketing and Communication here at Clarke. I began this job in June of last year. Prior to that I was director of public relations.

Is Randy short for something?

No, it is not; that is my real name. I have two brothers, Mart and Barney, and those names aren't short for anything.

Your job entails?

My responsibilities are marketing, public relations, web development and sports information. But there are five people who help me as part of my team.

How long have you been at Clarke?

Since August 1996.

Where are you from?

Cascade, Iowa, just 25 miles west

Where did you go to college?

University of Northern Iowa.

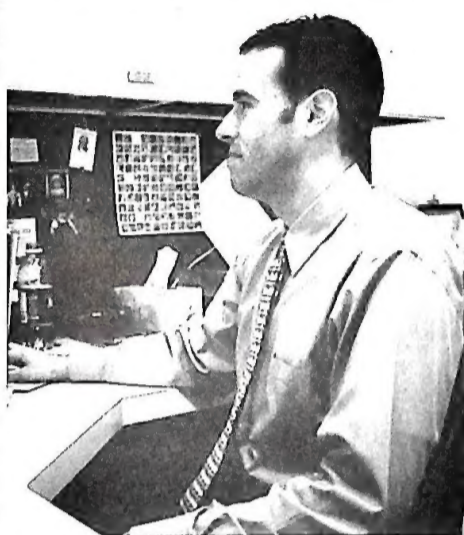
What is the least difficult part of your job?

The least difficult part of my job is working with the people around me.

Do you know how to juggle?
No, I do not.

What do you think about teaching?

I have taught media writing and editing twice at Clarke. Before Clarke I was a teaching assistant at University of Northern Iowa for speech. I enjoy the interaction with the students. I like to share



the real world and daily experiences I have gained with a class.

On the personal side, if you had free time, what would you do during it?

Spend more time outside, maybe not in the middle of January. I do a lot of bicycling.

Who is your hero?

Lance Armstrong, a professional cyclist who competes for the U.S. postal team. I just finished his book. I admire him for his ability to overcome obstacles in the face of his own mortality more than for his success.

If one were to, say attempt to make their own homemade Randy Gehl in their, for example, dorm room late one Wednesday night, what would the ingredients be?

A red pen; a handful of Dubuque County soil (you can't escape your roots; a U2, Greg Brown and John Lee Hooker CD; a bike tire, a TV remote control, a half pint of Guinness, a cup of water from the pond I grew up near, a chocolate chip mint ice cream cone, and a dash of salsa.

What would be Randy Gehl's happy ending?

To achieve a balance or find a balance of personal and professional goals.

What is the experience that has had the greatest impact on your life?

College-undergraduate college experiences: It was a great experience. The four best years of my life. A time of personal growth and education.

What is your personal life philosophy?

Try to keep everything in perspective, the sun will rise tomorrow. Life's a journey that you need to enjoy on the way because you only make it one time.

If you weren't where you are right now where do you think you would be?

If it were any other day I would be on my way home getting ready to watch "Sportscenter" and the 5 o'clock news.

The Catalyst is Coming

Apartment Living Exposed

Faculty and Staff Passions

**The Way You Look to Them:
Students from the East, West
and overseas take a look at you**

Clarke Swings in the Sixties

The Best of the Local Bands

The Worst Pick-Up Lines

7-foot-2-inches and We're Counting

In Your Mailbox Soon

Professor Hank Goldstein...
Retire. Chances are, you've...
two. Most likely, you've...
Psychology or Statistics...
lot of interesting things...
know about Dr. Hank. I s...
How long have you been...
Thirty-one years (dinosaur...
Earth when I started).
Have you always wanted...
Yes (except for a short pe...
an extra in the movie FIS...
my life, I wanted to be S...